

Remarks

In the final Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 2-18 and rejected claim 19. Applicant has now cancelled claim 19. Therefore, all pending claims have been allowed. Applicant thus requests the Office to mail a Notice of Allowance.

The undersigned and the Examiner conducted a telephone interview on September 2, 2004, during which we discussed claim 19 and the Boltz reference. No agreement was reached. However, the Examiner reiterated that all of the other claims have been allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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